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24 September 1962

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting today:

a. Ray Cline raised the question of who has the responsibility for the determination of an Agency position in preparation of the necessary papers for submission to USIB on matters other than national estimates. After considerable discussion it was decided that the Deputy Director (Intelligence) would assume the responsibility for all matters going to USIB.

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b. Mr. Houston gave a brief run-down on the status of the Communications Reciprocity Act, which passed the House of Representatives last week and is now expected to pass the Senate. It was suggested that I ask [REDACTED] to give some thought to the impact which the passage of this bill would have on CIA communications. (This I have done.)

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c. General Carter cautioned everyone to be very careful about responding to requests for information from the "White House" unless these requests come through [REDACTED] (I have instructed DD/S Office Heads not to submit anything to the White House except through DD/S and the Office of the DCI.) In this connection General Carter emphasized that the Director, and the Director only, has the responsibility for deciding insofar as intelligence is concerned what might be released by this or any other agent of the United States Government for use by the press.

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d. In the interest of expediting action papers in the Director's office, a new system will soon be instituted which will leave the signature block blank on correspondence prepared for the signature of the Director or the Deputy Director. Mr. Kirkpatrick is to disseminate a memorandum on this; we need take no further action at the moment.

2. I talked to Matt Baird about getting signed commitments and expressions of intent from employees attending senior service schools, Harvard, etc. I

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asked him to come up with specific recommendations on this matter but emphasized that I was much more interested in the expression of intent to make a long-term career with the Agency than I was in satisfying the legal requirement of two or three years of service for each year of external training.

3. I talked to Emmett Echols about our system for reporting on delinquent fitness reports, and he assured me that he will be coming forward within a few days with a complete program in this area.

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4. [REDACTED] reported that a dispute between the contractor and the sheet metal workers at [REDACTED] brought things to a standstill for today; however, he anticipated that they will be back in business within a matter of hours.

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5. Mr. Kirkpatrick telephoned to say that [REDACTED] might find it necessary to leave the Agency. If so, he wished to combine her duties with those of an Assistant to himself and requested that DD/S supply a top-level grade GS-13 or GS-14 person who could take over these duties. This man would be expected to replace [REDACTED] and, if Miss [REDACTED] leaves, to take over her duties also. (We will be expected to place Mr. [REDACTED] somewhere in the Support services. [REDACTED] is working on this problem.)

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